

### IDECO Becomes Member of Dresser Industries, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio

L. R. Wells, president of International Derrick & Equipment Co. of California, with headquarters at Torrance, announces that his company yesterday became a member of Dresser Industries, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, a group of ten manufacturing companies under a common ownership.

International Stacey Corp. of Columbus, Ohio, which formerly held financial control of International Derrick and several other companies, is being dissolved, Wells said. He emphasized that no change in local management, operation or personnel is contemplated.

"International Derrick & Equipment Co. of California, founded in 1926, is a manufacturer of oil well derricks, masts, pumping units, steel buildings for industrial and oil field use and radio and airport towers and equipment," Wells said. "The company looks forward to expanding markets, development of new products and greater opportunities for ambitious employees, all of which are made possible by our joining forces with the strong, progressive

Dresser Industries group. "International Derrick & Equipment Co. of California will retain its present corporate name and identity. The other Dresser companies are not competitive with us, but their lines of manufacture supplement our own."

Roots - Connersville Blower Corp. of Connersville, Ind., Stacey Bros. Gas Construction Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Ohio and Texas units of International Derrick also became members of Dresser Industries, Inc., yesterday. O. M. Havelokette of Columbus, president of International Derrick & Equipment Co. of Ohio, has been elected a director of Dresser Industries, Inc.

The various Dresser Industries plants are: Dresser Manufacturing Division, Bradford, Pa.

The Bryant Heater Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Clark Bros. Co., Inc., Olean, N.Y.

Pacific Pumps, Inc., Huntington Park, Calif.

International Derrick & Equipment Co., Columbus, Ohio; Delaware, Ohio; Marietta, Ohio; Beaumont, Tex.; Torrance, Calif.

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Stacey Bros. Gas Construction Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bovaird & Seyfang Manufacturing Co., Bradford, Pa.

Dresser Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

Van der Horst Corp. of America, Olean, N.Y.; Cleveland, Ohio.

### Cpl. Leatherman In Narrow Scrape With Japanese

Fifteen Japs who tried to wipe out a forward command post of a Marine battalion with hand



grenades didn't live to tell the story.

Marine Cpl. Everett L. Leatherman of 912 Cota ave., Torrance, was among the group of Marines that escaped injury when the Japs came out of their caves in a sudden, unexpected attack on the command post at Pelelu, Palu Islands.

As the Japs approached, Marine Gunnery Sergeant Francis C. Roberts of New Orleans, La., cut the Japs down with a light machine gun, picking it up as he would a sub-machine gun and spraying the area.

The 25-year-old Marine is a veteran of Guadalcanal. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Leatherman, he was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received on Guadalcanal on Oct. 9, 1942. In addition he has two Presidential citations, one for five campaigns and the other for seven.

### 113 Babies Born At Torrance Army Hospital

Births at Torrance Army hospital since the maternity ward opened last February have totaled 113, according to Capt. John F. Campbell, M.C.

"I never saw so many babies," said Capt. Campbell, chief obstetrician at the hospital, who received his promotion from first lieutenant only last Monday.

All 113 babies are children of service men, both officers and enlisted personnel.

Many of the babies were born to military personnel attached to other units in the Los Angeles area lacking maternity ward facilities.

The fair sex has it all over the male, for of the 113 babies, 67 were girls and 46 boys.

### Fitzpatrick Graduates From Basic Training in Submarine School

William M. Fitzpatrick, Jr., 22, Mo.M.M., 2/c, of 138 W. 223rd st., and son of W. M. Fitzpatrick, Sr., 22235 S. Main st., Torrance, has completed basic training at the Submarine School, Submarine Base, New London, Conn., for duty with our growing fleet of undersea fighters.

Mo.M.M. Fitzpatrick will be entitled to wear the twin dolphin insignia of the Submarine Service after further experience aboard a submarine, during which he must demonstrate to his commanding officer that he is fully qualified to carry out the duties of his rate. The insignia is regarded as a mark of distinction throughout the Navy.

Fitzpatrick was graduated from Banning High, Wilmington, in June, 1942. Two months later he joined the Navy, had recruit training at San Diego, Calif., and duty at sea. The Submarine School, the only one of its kind conducted by the Navy, is attended by a picked group of men who must pass special physical, mental and psychological tests. The school work takes place not only in classrooms and laboratories, but also in numerous training submarines in which students master the actual technique of operating the powerful fighting craft. Many students at Submarine School already have seen battle as members of surface ship crews before volunteering for submarine duty.

**TRAINING CENTER**  
Transfer of the Ninth Service Command Army Nurse Training Center from Camp White, Ore., to the Fort Lewis General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash., was announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah, by Brig. Gen. John M. Willis, Command Surgeon.

**TEEN AGE CLUBS**  
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### Building Permits

Building permits issued in Torrance during the month of October, 1944, totaled \$92,915, as against \$139,735 for last year. The annual total is \$570,995, compared with \$4,004,293.

Issued during the past week were permits to the following: F. G. Hodges, 1447 El Prado, sun porch, \$40.

F. Forshee, 3501 Spencer ave., garage, \$400.

Western Construction Co., three six-room houses at \$3800 each, at 907 Acacia, 1830 Acacia and 2321 Carson st.

Lenore F. Gemoets, 24408 Park, addition, \$450.

Soule Steele Co., 908 Border ave., alteration, \$2000.

Harriet Pegors Part of Carroll Vanity Shows

Harriet Pegors, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pegors of 1723 Martina ave., Torrance, is one of the blonde beauty show girls of Earl Carroll's Vanity show which has just left for a tour of the United States to last one year.

The Torrance High school '42 graduate and Tartar night queen also is doing bit parts and hopes to pursue her desired career of music and voice in New York.

### Local Youth Hurt In Crash In Wilmington

Three young Torrance and Harbor City area people Tuesday night suffered injuries when the car in which they were riding struck an oil tank truck at Avalon blvd. and Pacific Coast highway in Wilmington.

The injured included Ronald Clark, 16, of 609 Portola ave., Torrance, lip and knee abrasions; Dorothy Bentz, 18, and Margie Flan, 21, of 25317 Deauville ave., Shoestring district, and Marvin Burpo, 19, U.S.N.

The latter three were seriously bruised and Burpo received a long and deep head laceration.

R. H. Barackman, 55, Maywood, was the driver of the tank truck. Officers said both drivers would be filed on for asserted infractions of traffic laws, the Torrance boy for allegedly driving without a license and Barackman for failure to signal properly.

### Seven Owners Of Dogs Cited; Rabies Scare

Considerable commotion has been caused in the past week in the Wateria area by rabid dogs, one being a pet which broke loose from its leash and bit a number of dogs in the neighborhood.

Strict enforcement of the leash law is to be the order, Chief of Police John Stroh said, and seven residents of the area were arrested for allowing their pets to run loose in violation of the law.

R. Acosta, J. Graham, G. Day and Al Sampson each received fines of \$8.00, suspended by City Judge Otto Willett with a warning to keep their dogs tied up, and three more are to appear on Friday.

One suspected rabid dog was picked up on the Fern Avenue Elementary school ground. No humans have been bit, the chief said, but he urged all dog owners to cooperate to avoid trouble with the law.

### Camera Club Meetings Held First Tuesdays

Torrance Camera Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Public Library. The next competition will be on sports shots, 11 by 14 size on 16 by 20 mounts, according to Homer Morgan, first vice president. Visitors are welcome.

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